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Dear friend - I've read yours of yesterday  
I approve of its contents. So I'll say no more  
of Birmingham, I hardly think fifty copies of the  
Narrative will do - I shall probably sell them  
all on Tuesday night. Will <sup>you</sup> send me more  
immediately - 50 copies more would not be  
too many. I received a letter this morning  
from Cork full of affectionate sayings of you  
of course it was from your correspondent.  
Your hint respecting being prompt in replying to letters is useful  
I replied to Mr. Smeal as soon as possible. The substance  
of my letter was to the effect, that I had made the engage-  
ment at Birmingham, I felt myself bound by it. I was  
not at liberty to break it, I would try to get released from  
it. But if they insisted upon my coming, I should  
feel myself bound to go. So thus far I am safe.  
I however think that I ought to go to Glasgow  
as early as I possibly can - They are certainly anxious  
to see me - and hear me, they ought to be gratified  
they have taken every pains to secure me. Thus  
far to no purpose. I fear they'll grow impatient



Another letter this morning from Shonk - by no means a shonky letter, What a misnomer?  
I bought a watch yesterday - a right down good one £7-10 shillings - I swell, but think I shall not burst. I attend Church to day - tis not a sin in itself. Every body I meet with here seem full of religion drink wine and pray! Sir John Mc Neal's letter introducing me here has been of service. Why did not my friend Haughton give me a letter. He is said to have friends here, I wrote to Cork Friday - and to Limerick yesterday. I may lecture on temperance to morrow. I have had a committee to write upon me requesting me to do so. It will all help to prepare me for Birmingham. I have just got an invitation to speak to day before a Sabbath School, and to tell how I learned to read. How different to from Dublin.

A speedy deliverance of Mrs Webb - and Richy from their cold. If you see Lussanah Fisher tell her to write. I'm great  
truly  
yours  
F. Douglass